

Lighthouse of Iowa

November 2010

By the breath of God frost is given.....Job 37:10



I've lived in the Midwest most of my life and have learned to enjoy the four distinct seasons. The one month I've always found hard to live with, however, is November—a month of fickle, mostly dreary weather. What I miss most in November is the sun. It's as if all these hazy gray November days are telling us, "Beware, Old Man Winter is going to get you and this is just the preview!"

If I could just appreciate November more! If I could just forget that I'm cold and all the beds have to be remade with thick woolen blankets, that all the big preparations for Thanksgiving is imminent and I lack the energy to face it, and that icy rains will soon pound on my windows....

So, I decided, this year, instead of moaning about November, I'm going to celebrate the great indoors. Here are some projects I've got planned:

- *make a pot of hearty soup and give jars of it away
- *clean out one (that's enough!) closet

*give a family member (or two) a long, soothing backrub

*have long, intimate talks over cocoa and cookies with my teenagers

*call up some relatives I haven't talked to for years, just to say hello

*spend more time curled up with my Bible.



The more I think about it, the more I'm looking forward to enjoying November! Would you like to join me? You probably have special ideas of your own.

Dear Lord, when this cold, dreary month keeps me indoors, I'll tackle these projects to lift my spirits.

SAM JUSTICE

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Marcel Proust



I Have Everything

JAMES J. METCALF

However much I have to do,

However hard I strive,

I always tell myself that I

Am glad to be alive.

My heart is grateful for the sun

That keeps my body warm;

And for the comforts of this earth

Against whatever storm.

I have my friends to cheer me up

And books to read at night

With boundless beauty to behold.

Whenever stars are bright.

I have enough to eat and drink.

And clothes enough to wear;

A normal mind and healthy lungs

To breathe the best of air.

So why should I object when I

Have my job to do,

As long as I have everything

To help me see it through?

Chariton

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Location—15th & Roland, Chariton, Iowa

For information call—Clarence Van Egdome, (641)932-5686 or Albert Schreck, (641)535-2381

Carl and Evelyn Bennett's granddaughter, Annette, is back from Iraq. She is now stationed in Norfolk, Virginia, with her husband and daughter.

Albert and Jeanette

Schreck spent a couple of weeks vacationing in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas.

Donna and Hannah Simmons were our visitors on October 24th.

November Birthdays

21 – Clarence Van Egdome



November Anniversaries

27 – Norm & Mary Jo Riekens



Dean Avenue

Meeting times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—2907 Dean Ave., Des Moines, Iowa

For information call—John McNeece, (515)263-9428 or Don Warren, (515)967-5650

Ashley Fitzgerald underwent surgery for a cyst and is recovering.

Donna Meek and Yvonne Coe spent a few days in Branson, Missouri.

Karla Fetters returned home from three weeks of travel in New Zealand, Australia, and other areas down under. We were happy to welcome her back at services on October 17th.

Anita Patterson and Jim Burr from Fort Dodge, Iowa, were visitors on October 10th.

Family and friends are happy that Todd Sharp has moved back to Des Moines from Phoenix, Arizona.

Alissa Garbi still has problems with her heart, and in early October she began wearing a heart monitor for 30 days. She worshiped with us on October 24th.

Visitors in early October were Preston, Colton, and Aideen, grandsons of Shirley McNeece. Also visiting was Mike Warren, who has had a long recovery from foot surgery.

Shawn Head, who has moved to Hudsonville, Michigan, worshiped with us on October 17th, and he participated in the morning services. The new church where Shawn is worshiping gave him a wonderful welcome. His new address is 1560 Rebecca Run, Hudsonville, MI 49426.

Duane and Mary Proudfit of the Martensdale congregation visited at Dean Avenue October 31st. He brought the morning sermon and participated in the afternoon services, which followed the monthly church dinner.

Peg Warren went to Scottsdale, Arizona, to visit her sister, Marge Gonias, for a week. She was accompanied by her daughter, Tracy Penick, who attended a work-related conference.

Ron Van Egdome is in the Powell 3 Center of Iowa Methodist Hospital for the second time this month, having another round of chemo. Doctors have decided to do

another session of chemo in three weeks, and then he will be going to Iowa City for his stem cell transplant. Doctors are very happy that his tumor is shrinking. Ron's three siblings have received DNA kits to test for compatibility. Ron and Jean want to thank everyone for their calls, cards, visits, food, and each expression of caring. Yes, even the Shrinking Party. Most of all the many prayers! God Bless you all!

Fall Meeting
 with John Morris at
 Dean Ave.
November 7–12
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
 Monday–Friday: 7 p.m.

Dean Avenue

New Addresses:

Juanita Coe
 Urban Health, Rm. 301
 4614 NW 84th
 Urbandale, IA 50322
 Phone (515)270-6838

Maxine Phipps
 Prairie Hills Assisted Living
 5815 SE 27th St. Rm. 215
 Des Moines, IA 50320
 Phone (515)661-6684

November Birthdays

- 3 – Mary Dobberke
- 16 – Asanté Royal
- 18 – Karma Sharp
- 27 – Dillon Dobberke



November Anniversaries

- 2 – Skip & Risa Schamel
- 4 – Glenn & Alna Meacham
- 13 – Earl & Mary Lou Allen



Fairview

Meeting time—Sundays: 10:00 a.m.

Location—22nd & Orange St., Clarinda, Iowa

For information call—Richard Negley, (712)542-3728 or Marvin Negley, (712)542-2972

We so enjoyed having Rick Sparks with us the weekend of October 2-3. On Friday evening, we had a pizza supper and Rick spoke on “Whether We’ll Know One Another In Heaven.” On Sunday he delivered two more talks, and we enjoyed a potluck dinner, as well. Paul, Dasha, and Timber Negley of Urbandale, Iowa, joined us for services.

Mary Lou Madden celebrated her 90th birthday on October 2nd in the family dining room at Westridge Care facility. Both of her children were here, as well as family and friends to wish her a happy birthday!

Mike and Shirley Warner of the Pleasant Hill congregation accompanied Jewell Warner to services on October 10th. In the afternoon they attended the wedding of Mike and Shirley’s grandson in Bedford, Iowa.

Steve and Tammie Driftmier enjoyed having all of their children and grandchildren home for the weekend of October 17th. They helped Steve celebrate his birthday, and they all attended services together.

On Sunday, October 24th, Richard and Janet Negley had some of their family attend services. Those present were: Shari Cowger of Idaho; Savannah, Eric, and Elise Valencia of Boise, Idaho; and John, Deb, and Madelyn Negley of Riverside, Iowa. They were home for a long weekend to help Richard celebrate an early birthday.

On Sunday October 31st, a pizza lunch was enjoyed at noon.

Jack Swisher was involved in a traffic accident on Sunday, October 31st in the late afternoon. The other car hit the driver’s side of Jack’s vehicle. Jack was taken to the hospital, but x-rays revealed that nothing was broken and he was released. He is very lucky!

Jack and Bobbi Swisher will be leaving soon for their winter home in Florida. We will miss them and wish them safe travel and a “warm and sunny” winter!

November Birthdays

- 6 – Marvin Negley
- 11 – Jack Swisher
- 16 – Faye Stephens
- 19 – Judy Madden



November Anniversaries

- 20 – Steve & Tammy Driftmier



Martensdale

Meeting Times—Sundays: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

Location—439 Hwy. 92 (1.5 miles east of Martensdale, Iowa)

For information call—Duane Proudfit, (515)961-4470 or Mike Penick, (515)989-4165

We are thankful and praising God for the baptism of Marta Weeks on Sunday evening, October 21st.

Duane and Mary Proudfit made a trip to the Kansas City area to see Apache Rodriguez upon his return to the U.S.

Cindy Stanley had a mild stroke and is undergoing a series of tests to try to determine what is going on. Cindy is the daughter of Dick and Phyllis Bown and the sister of Doug Bown. Please keep Cindy and her family in your prayers. Cindy and Dennis and their boys worshiped with us Sunday, October 24th while in the area visiting.

On October 3rd, Marc and

Ginger Hermon and their family worshiped with us and Marc gave the morning exhortation. Steve and Cerine Proudfit and daughters also worshiped with us that morning.

Marlene Bown had some dental work done.

Fred Bown fell and hurt his back. He is slowly recovering.

Bill and Marta Weeks took a trip to St. Louis.

Neal and Peg Warren met with us on Sunday, October 24th. Neal gave our morning exhortation. Zach Wheeler's brother, Rex, also attended services that day and

Rodney and Alena Ingle met with us that night.

Jenna Wheeler attended a study for young women held in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

November Birthdays

- 1 – Bill Weeks
- 12 – Jordan Bown
- 16 – Christy Henderson
- 22 – Brandon Rodriguez



November Anniversaries

- 13 – Charlie & Pam Deckler
- 28 – Al & Marlene Bown



Pleasant Hill

Meeting Times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Location—5091 E. University, Pleasant Hill, Iowa ♦ Website: pleasanthillchurchofchrist.org

For information call—Bob Flack, (515)262-7329; Lowell Hermon, (515)989-0727; or Mike Warner, (515)967-4529.

Audrey Brady will be the honored guest November 14th from 2-4 p.m. at Toad Valley Golf Course for her 95th birthday. Everyone is invited. Audrey's grandchildren will be hosting this special occasion.

John Deaton has just completed his Basic Marine Corps training and his S.O.I. training at Camp Pendelton, California, which took six months to complete. Eleven members of his family flew out to see him graduate. John's parents are Blaine and Melanie Deaton, and his grandparents

are Don and Wanda Burkman. Congratulations, John!!

Visitors during the past month were: Mike George, who was visiting family; Steve and Deb Wood, who were visiting son Miles and also the Zinnel family; Sharon Gustafston, who visited family and friends and attended a quilting retreat; Kevin Waits; Linda Flickinger, who will be in the area for the next few months; and Jordan Bown and Kara Fetters, who were visiting Megan Stevens.

Rodney and Alena Ingle and Ryane Brady attended the

Topeka meeting. Ryan Zinnel was in Kansas City. Dan, Amy and Josiah Pritchard were visiting family in Fort Dodge. Joyce Ingle went to visit with her parents in Missouri; her mother, Ruth Whanger, is now home and doing better. Miles Wood, Ryan Zinnel, Rodney Ingle, Drew Tegtmeyer, and Tyler Schreck all attended the Young Men's Meeting. Alena Ingle attended the Young Women's Meeting in Excelsior Springs.

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Pleasant Hill

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Among those on the sick list were: Theresa Brady, Alena Ingle, Carson Brady, Carly Felice, Michele Zinnel, and Justin Stevens.

Marc and Ginger Hermon and family were at Martensdale October 31st, where Marc was the speaker.

Cheree Stump pulled a muscle in her leg.

Suzanne Harvey fell and

broke her wrist.

Pam Sorensen has begun her radiation treatments.

Dessie Sorensen is in Powell treatment center in Des Moines. She expects to go home November 1st.

Rena Christian has been to services a couple of times this month.

Nathan Williamson had his appendix out November 28th. He is doing well.

Vernon McClurg had

surgery on his heel at Mercy Hospital, and is doing well. He will be moved to the 4th floor for a couple of weeks for rehab. Vernon's last sibling passed away earlier this month.

Wanda Burkman's sister-in-law passed away this month also.

Cooking school will be Sunday, November 21st, at 4:00 p.m. at Nora Lee Ingle's. New time! Don't forget to bring your cookie recipe and samples.



Thank you so very much for all the many beautiful cards, visits, singing and delicious food. Special thanks to all who have said prayers for me. I am recovering from my varicose vein surgery real well. May God bless all who have thought of me.

Love, Wanda Burkman



November Birthdays

- 3 – Niki Hermon
- 8 – Tammy Brady
- 16 – Audrey Brady
- 18 – Ryan Ingle
- 19 – Emily Harvey
- 20 – Marge Flack
- 20 – Marty Williamson
- 23 – Chip Albright
- 23 – Justin Stevens
- 26 – Larry Brady
- 29 – Jaden Brand



Iowa Traveling Bible Study (ITBS)

The December study will be Dec. 4 at Doug Bown's

Please check with host to see if they would like you to bring any food.

If you have any questions, call Rodney Ingle at 515-669-0365.

Vandalia

Meeting Times—Sundays: 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. ♦ Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.
Location—2.5 miles east of Runnells, Iowa on F70, then 1 mile north on 131st St.

Website: vandaliacoc.com

For information call—Greg Ingle, (515)994-2824 or Charles Ingle, (515)966-2537

Among our visitors this past month were: D.D. and Donna Russell; Dawn Dowdy; Tyler Schreck and Darien Bloomburst; Jason and Staci Miller; and Charles and Diana Ross.

Michael and Joy Cummings, Morgan, Drew, and Casady were in Brookfield visiting fam-

ily recently.

Doug and Lisa Fiorentin and Nathan, and Marvin and Melda Ingle spent a weekend visiting Jason and Staci Miller in Missouri.

Justin and Brittney Dowdy visited family and friends for a

few days in Indianapolis.

Greg and Margaret Ingle spent a few days in Clear Lake.

Charles and Angie Ingle spent several days vacationing in Decorah, Iowa, enjoying the fall colors.

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Vandalia

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Marvin and Melda Ingle and Lynnette Dowdy took a few days driving around Iowa and the Wisconsin Dells viewing the fall colors.

A group of around fifteen ladies from our congregation recently gathered at an Altoona restaurant for breakfast on a Saturday morning.

Brett and Lori Cole donated and planted several trees and shrubs around the church grounds. This was appreciated very much.

Bob Guthrie recently un-

derwent back surgery for two ruptured discs. He is recuperating well.

Our congregation gathered for singing at the Altoona Care Center on Sunday evening, October 24th. We also had a small party with cake to celebrate Rachel's 91st birthday and Walter and Rachel's wedding anniversary on October 27th.

Lynnette Dowdy reported that she will soon be able to return to work following her recent shoulder surgery.

November Birthdays

- 2 – Ellie Wiedemeier
- 3 – Tina Hinckley
- 15 – Cheyenne Goode
- 15 – Gavin Burkman
- 16 – Morgan Cummings
- 16 – Erin Ingle
- 17 – Nancy Clark
- 24 – Angela Ingle
- 29 – Doug Fiorentin
- 29 – Lynnette Dowdy
- 30 – Brett Cole



Nov. Anniversary

- 13 – Richard & Mary Ellen Goode

News from the Philippines

Evangelist Roger Wanasan recently reported: "Many brethren were affected by the strong typhoon "Juan" in our area, including: Isabela, Kalinga, Cagayan, Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, La Union, Zambales and part of Pangasinan. Their houses were blown up by strong winds, especially their roof tops. Up to this date they have no electricity. Our church here in Lagro donated some funds to buy second-hand galvanized iron for their roofing to lessen their burden. Well, Filipinos are already battle-tested on typhoons, but we need to pray for God's mercy and guidance."



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